

WATER PROTECTOR LEGAL COLLECTIVE

Providing legal support, advocacy, and knowledge sharing for Indigenous centered and guided environmental and climate justice movements



Standing Rock Case Updates & Information State & Federal Criminal Cases Civil Litigation

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Our Work

Water Protector Legal Collective (WPLC) was born out of the NoDAPL protest movement. Since we first came at the request of tribal leadership and set up our office in a tent in Ocuti Sakowin, WPLC has been providing legal defense and offense to the Water Protector Movement.

We envision a world where Indigenous people are centered and guiding the world to protect the environment for all. WPLC provides legal support, advocacy, and knowledge sharing for Indigenous centered and guided environmental and climate justice movements.

In addition to continuing our core legal support and advocacy work, we are stepping up our investment in education and skill-development for Indigenous people at every level of what we do. Legal education is an investment in the future through building a new generation of movement legal advocates who are from the Indigenous communities we work in and serve. WPLC also engages in local, national and international advocacy work in support of efforts to protect the water and advance Indigenous sovereignty.

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"NLG Foundation" and write "Water Protector Legal Collective" in the memo line.

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SUPPORT OUR PRISONERS

Red Fawn Falls, Little Feather, Rattler and Dion Ortiz are in prison and would appreciate letters and contributions from supporters. For details see our Water Protector Prisoners page: waterprotectorlegal.org/water-protector-prisoners

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Federal Criminal Cases

WPLC is providing legal support for five Water Protectors who are serving federal sentences pursuant to non-cooperating plea agreements.

Red Fawn Fallis was sentenced to 57 months on July 11, 2018. Red Fawn Fallis, Prisoner No. 16358-059, FMC Carswell, PO Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127.

Michael “Little Feather” Giron was sentenced to 36 months on May 30, 2018. Michael “Little Feather” Giron, #25201-075, USP Hazelton, U.S. Penitentiary, PO Box 2000, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525.

Michael “Rattler” Markus was sentenced to 36 months on September 27, 2018. Michael Markus, Prisoner No. 06280-073, FCI Sandstone, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.

Dion Ortiz was sentenced to 16 months on October 22, 2018. Dion Ortiz, Prisoner No. 16559-059, FCI Sandstone, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.

James “Angry Bird” White was sentenced on December 5, 2018 to two-years of supervised release. James “Angry Bird” White, PO Box 755, Fort Yates, ND 58538.

For information visit our Federal Criminal Cases page: waterprotectorlegal.org/federal-cases/

Civil Litigation

Dundon v. Kirchmeier is a federal civil rights class action lawsuit challenging police violence on the night of November 20-21, 2016, at Backwater Bridge. The case was filed on November 28, 2016, in federal court, on behalf of all persons who were injured by law enforcement that night. The lawsuit is moving forward in the U.S. District Court in Bismarck.

If you were injured by law enforcement at Standing Rock during the fall or winter of 2016-2017, or if you were arrested on October 22, 2016, you can send your information to our civil litigation team by visiting the Civil Lawsuit tab on our website.

State Criminal Cases

TOTAL NoDAPL ND STATE CRIMINAL CASES **836***

Dismissed	392
Acquitted at trial	42
Pretrial diversion	187
Plea agreement	146
Convicted at trial	24
Total concluded cases:	792
Open and proceeding to trial	2
Inactive/warrant status	42
On appeal to ND Supreme Court	0
Total on-going cases:	44

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** This is the number of NoDAPL state criminal cases that have a separate case number. It may change over time if cases are dismissed due to lack of evidence and then re-charged (with new charges and case numbers). There may be several charges involved in any one case and some people may have more than one case.*

Know Your Rights

You are not required to answer questions from law enforcement and doing so can harm you or others. You have a right to consult an attorney before deciding whether or not to talk to law enforcement, and you have a right to have an attorney present while being questioned by law enforcement even if they tell you that you are not the subject of the investigation.

If you are approached or questioned by local or federal law enforcement about your time at Standing Rock, we strongly encourage you to refuse to answer any questions no matter how innocent they may seem and immediately contact WPLC, your local National Lawyers Guild chapter, or another attorney with movement support experience.

Please contact WPLC immediately if you have been served with a subpoena of any kind or are named in a civil suit related to your Water Protector activities in North Dakota in 2016-2017.

If you have a pending criminal charge, it is very important that you not speak about the details of your case with anyone but your attorney and not discuss or post information related to the circumstances of your arrest in any public space including social media. These principles apply when other people are facing criminal charges or under investigation as well – please do not share information that could harm other Water Protectors.

We encourage everyone to visit our website for information about how to protect yourselves and others:

waterprotectorlegal.org/know-rights-materials